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In re Application of :  
Hadzikadic et al. :  
Application No. 09/855,220 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: 14 May, 2001 :  
Atty Docket No. 46872/253153 :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 4 May, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.137(b),<sup>1</sup> to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114.

In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

The application became abandoned on 31 December, 2004, for failure to file a proper response to the final Office action mailed on 30 August, 2004, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. On 22 December, 2004, petitioner filed an amendment after final rejection and a one (1) month extension of time. The amendment did not place the case in *prima facie* condition for allowance, however, and an Advisory Action notifying applicant of such was mailed on 31 January, 2005. The present petition was filed prior to the mailing of Notice of Abandonment.

The present petition was filed on 4 May, 2005, along with a Request for Continued Examination and a response to the Advisory Action as the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114.

The application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2167 for further processing.

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